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Subject: Document Japanese intelligence officer

- Planning for a centralized Japanese intelligence agency began during October 1952 around the then-Attorney General, KIMURA Nobutaro (2606/2625/0648/1129/6745). However, YOSKIDA Shigeru named KIMURA Director of the National Safety Agency in his fourth cabinet list in October, and since then the job of guiding the plan through the Diet has fallen to Chief Cabinet Secretary OGATA Taketora (4872/2455/4554/5706).
- Early plans were large-scaled, but the Diet and the public, showed an unexpectedly strong opposition, and the plan was revised to make the group much smaller. Originally, the chain of command was to have been:

Chief Cabinet Secretary (OGATA).

MURAI Jun (2625/0064/7311)

Document and
Radio Intelligence
Section (overt)

Cabinet
Research
Chamber (CRC)

Communications
Intelligence
Section (covert)

- Because of the opposition, the Document and Radio Intelligence Section was excised completely from the plan. The revised plan still calls for the formation of the committee consisting of the Chief Cabinet Secretary, the Director of the National Safety Agency, and the Director of the Communications Intelligence Section.

If the Diet passes the bill calling for the formation of the new central intelligence group, the Diet will change that the group will be brought into being in the near future. The main reason for the strong opposition is the fear that the group will be headed by OGATA and Asahi Shigemitsu, who are the leaders of the opposition party.

Opposition to the bill will be brought before the Diet administratively.

Opposition to the bill that opposition stems from the fact

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that OGATA was maritime attaché of the Cabinet Information Board, a government propaganda agency which controlled news dissemination. Members of the Diet and the press have expressed their fear of and opposition to revival of this agency.